

**CHAPTER 1086**  
INTERPRETERS FOR  
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER PERSONS  
*S.F. 2129*

**AN ACT** relating to the duties of the commission on the status of Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage regarding interpreter qualifications.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 216A.155, Code 2007, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 14. Adopt rules, with stakeholder input, pursuant to chapter 17A, to develop a mechanism to ensure the qualifications of interpreters for Asian and Pacific Islander persons and maintain and provide a list of those deemed qualified to Iowa courts, administrative agencies, social service agencies, and health agencies, as requested.

Approved April 16, 2008

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**CHAPTER 1087**  
EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION —  
PARTICIPATION IN DOMESTIC ABUSE PROCEEDINGS  
*S.F. 2281*

**AN ACT** prohibiting employment discrimination against an employee witness in certain civil proceedings.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 915.23, subsection 1, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1. An employer shall not discharge an employee, or take or fail to take action regarding an employee's promotion or proposed promotion, or take action to reduce an employee's wages or benefits for actual time worked, due to the service of an employee as a witness in a criminal proceeding or as a plaintiff, defendant, or witness in a civil proceeding pursuant to chapter 236.

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**CHAPTER 1088****ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION  
OF HEALTH-RELATED PROFESSIONS***S.F. 2338*

**AN ACT** relating to the regulation of health-related professions.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**DIVISION I****PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE — HEALTH-RELATED PROFESSIONS**

Section 1. Section 147.1, Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:

**147.1 DEFINITIONS.**

~~1. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, “book”, “list”, “record”, or “schedule” kept by a county auditor, assessor, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, or other county officer means the county system as defined in section 445.1.~~

2. For the purpose of this and the following chapters of this subtitle:

a. ~~1.~~ “Board” ~~shall mean~~ means one of the boards enumerated in section 147.13 or any other board established in this subtitle ~~which is whose members are~~ appointed by the governor to license applicants and impose licensee discipline as authorized by law.

b. ~~2.~~ “Department” ~~shall mean~~ means the Iowa department of public health.

c. ~~3.~~ “Licensed” or “certified”, when applied to a physician and surgeon, podiatric physician, osteopath, osteopathic physician and surgeon, physician assistant, psychologist or associate psychologist, chiropractor, nurse, dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, optometrist, speech pathologist, audiologist, pharmacist, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, respiratory care practitioner, practitioner of cosmetology arts and sciences, practitioner of barbering, funeral director, dietitian, marital and family therapist, mental health counselor, social worker, massage therapist, athletic trainer, acupuncturist, nursing home administrator, hearing aid dispenser, or sign language interpreter or transliterator means a person licensed under this subtitle.

d. ~~4.~~ “Peer review” means evaluation of professional services rendered by a person licensed to practice a profession.

e. ~~5.~~ “Peer review committee” means one or more persons acting in a peer review capacity who also serve as an officer, director, trustee, agent, or member of any of the following:

(1) ~~a.~~ A state or local professional society of a profession for which there is peer review.

(2) ~~b.~~ Any organization approved to conduct peer review by a society as designated in paragraph “a” of this subsection.

(3) ~~c.~~ The medical staff of any licensed hospital.

(4) ~~d.~~ A board enumerated in section 147.13 or any other board established in this subtitle which is appointed by the governor to license applicants and impose licensee discipline as authorized by law.

(5) ~~e.~~ The board of trustees of a licensed hospital when performing a function relating to the reporting required by section 147.135, subsection 3.

(6) ~~f.~~ A health care entity, including but not limited to a group medical practice, that provides health care services and follows a formal peer review process for the purpose of furthering quality health care.

f. ~~6.~~ “Profession” means medicine and surgery, podiatry, ~~osteopathy~~, osteopathic medicine and surgery, practice as a physician assistant, psychology, chiropractic, nursing, dentistry, dental hygiene, dental assisting, optometry, speech pathology, audiology, pharmacy, physical therapy, physical therapist assisting, occupational therapy, occupational therapy assisting, respiratory care, cosmetology arts and sciences, barbering, mortuary science, marital and family therapy, mental health counseling, social work, dietetics, massage therapy, athletic